# Result of the Medical Judgment Concerning Acknowledgment of Designated Diseases under the Act on Asbestos Health Damage Relief. (On November 2nd 2026)

On November 2nd 2026, the Minister of the Environment conducted medical judgment on cases filed by the Environmental Restoration and Conservation Agency of Japan (ERCA) based on the Act on Asbestos Health Damage Relief, and gave notice of results to ERCA.

Totally 216 cases were judged. Among them, 86 cases were judged to have been afflicted with a designated disease caused by asbestos (66 with mesothelioma, 17 with lung cancer (LC), 0 with lung asbestosis with heavy respiratory dysfunction (LA), 3 with diffuse pleural thickenings with heavy respiratory dysfunction (DPT))*. 0 case was judged to have been afflicted with a designated disease and died before the enforcement of the act (0 with mesothelioma, 0 with LC, 0 with LA, 0 with DPT)*. 19 cases were judged to have been afflicted with a designated disease and died before application for relief based on the act (10 with mesothelioma, 8 with LC, 0 with LA, 1 with DPT)*.

* The cumulative total: 15,501 cases were judged to have been afflicted with a designated disease caused by asbestos. 165 cases were judged to have been afflicted with a designated disease by asbestos and died before the enforcement of the act. 2,702 cases were judged to have been afflicted with a designated disease and died before the application for relief based on the act.